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MEMORANDUM TO: Project Director

SUBJECT : General Purpose medium capacity electronic computer

REFERENCE : SAPC-11703, dated 19 Dec. 1956

1. Subject reference discusses the need for a computer to obtain maximum utilization of AQUATONE photographic take. The conclusions and recommendations therein appear valid to the undersigned.

2. With reference to the problem of financing the computer, the undersigned is of the opinion that the funding of such a computer is not an AQUATONE responsibility. However, in the interest of developing within the Agency a capability to exploit photographic take to the maximum, AQUATONE as well as other take, it appears to be fitting and proper for the Project Director to endorse the need of the Technical Intelligence Branch for a computer of the type described. Final evaluation of the need for such a computer as opposed to needs for other equipments is the responsibility of the Technical Intelligence Branch and ORR. Funding should be thru normal procedures, rather than the somewhat unusual AQUATONE procedures and the computer must compete for funds with other equipment requirements of the HTAUTOMAT organization. If funds were not budgeted for the computer, the Technical Intelligence Branch can request a supplement citing the need for such equipment and bringing to bear all recommendations, including those of the Project Director of AQUATONE if such is made.

Contracting Officer

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